MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Burge called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains Scott Burge Mayor **Public Works Director** Megan Greisen Council President Dave Sukau Joel Haugen Councilor Huell White **Program Analyst** Councilor Brandon Lesowske Councilor Pete McHugh Tyler Miller Councilor

Peter Watts

Legal Counsel

Also Present: Steve Donovan, consultant

Excused: Councilor Josh Poling and City Recorder Susan Reeves

Remote: City Engineer Chris Negelspach, Legal Counsel Ashley Driscoll; Marisa Jacobs, Erik Jensen with Jensen Strategies, and Gina Kinman.

Approval of the Agenda

Councilor Haugen moved, and Council President Greisen seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

Public Comments

Gina Kinman explained they submitted a letter regarding agenda item 4. SMC, Chapter 3.20, Advance Finance Reimbursement.



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Via e-mail to hwhite@cityofscappoose.org

Scappoose City Council 33568 E. Columbia Ave. Scappoose, OR 97056

Re: Advance Finance Reimbursement Agreements (Agenda Item No. 4 of the May 17, 2021 City Council Meeting).

Dear Mayor Burge and the Honorable City Council,

Our firm represents Ken Leahy Construction, Inc., the developer of the SE 2nd Street Project. We are writing on behalf of Ken Leahy Construction, to encourage you to vote for Option A, as presented in the staff report accompanying Agenda Item No. 4 in your Council packet, which would apply the current Scappoose Municipal Code Chapter 3.20's twenty-year expiration for advance finance reimbursement agreements retroactively.

Ken Leahy Construction was the developer for the SE 2nd Street Project. The 2nd Street Project included the construction of approximately 1,275 linear feet of public improvements including street, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, water, sewer, and stormwater utilities, which were accepted by the City of Scappoose through Resolution No. 11-08 on June 20, 2011. Pursuant to the City Code at that time, Resolution 11-08 imposed an advance finance reimbursement obligation on all intervening and future property owners benefiting from the improvements, and the City entered into an Advance Financing Reimbursement Agreement with Ken Leahy Construction in 2011 for the purpose of facilitating the reimbursement payments (the "Agreement").

Pursuant to the Scappoose Municipal Code at the time of the Agreement, developers were eligible to receive the advance financed reimbursements collected by the City for a period of ten years, and thereafter "may apply at five-year intervals for two five-year extensions beyond the initial ten-year period." SMC Ch. 3.20.110(A) (2010). In other words, advance financing reimbursement agreements that were authorized after 2010 provided up to a twenty-year period for reimbursements to be made (with a ten-year reimbursement period allowed as a matter of right, and an additional ten years allowed upon request by the developer). That code chapter was later updated, and as you can see in your Council packet it currently provides for agreements to include an *automatic* twenty-year period for reimbursements to be made.

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The Agreement between the City and Ken Leahy Construction was authorized on June 20, 2011. The applicable ten-year period is set to expire on June 20, 2021. To date, Ken Leahy Construction has not received all reimbursements due for the SE 2nd Street improvements from the owners of the properties benefiting from the constructed improvements. The payments for these type of improvements are not typically reimbursed until a property is developed, and in some cases, such as the example of the Agreement at hand, it may take longer than ten years for a property be developed. It is important to allow for developers to receive their full payments owed for the public infrastructure that they provided advanced financing for, which aids to encourage development in areas the City has deemed suitable for development. We are glad to see the updated Code provides for an automatic twenty-year period to allow for these reimbursements to take place, and we request that the current code be retroactively applied to agreements made in the past ten years, which would include the Agreement with Ken Leahy Construction.

If the City Council chooses to not retroactively apply the twenty-year expiration by approving Option A, then we respectfully request that the City Council take action tonight to approve an extension of five years to the Agreement with Ken Leahy Construction, as allowed under the Code that existed at the time of the Agreement, so that the Agreement would expire on June 20, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important matter.

Very truly,

Laura Westmeyer
CABLE HUSTON LLP

cc: Ken Leahy, Ken Leahy Construction, Inc. (via email)

end of letter

Gina Kinman explained choice A is to take the current code for these types of advanced finance reimbursements, the current code is 20 years and the old is 10 years with the option to renew at a 5-year stint. She explained they will be up on June 20th and they would like to renew for 5 years or be able to take the current code as an addendum to their agreement.

Councilor Miller asked Gina if she is from Cable Houston?

Gina Kinman replied she is from Ken Leahy Construction and Cable Houston is their attorney that they acquired.

Councilor Miller thanked her for the clarification.

Mayor Burge stated thank you.

Marisa Jacobs stated good evening Mayor Burge, City Council and City Staff: My name is Marisa Jacobs a resident of Scappoose, and I am speaking tonight in response to the offensive diatribe directed at me by City Attorney Peter Watts at the May 3rd City Council meeting. I direct these comments as well, to the council members who applauded this divisive and unserious rant. Over the past six months, I have attempted to be an engaged and responsible participant in our local government. I have listened and read carefully the issues affecting our community. I have brought legitimate questions regarding projects in our city that appear fiscally and environmentally unwise. I have brought evidence, research and facts that independently corroborate my concerns. To check my personal biases, I surveyed hundreds of my fellow residents to confirm my concerns are shared within the community. Unfortunately, my efforts did not result in healthy, open and honest debate. Rather, my legitimate questions were dismissed as nothing more than bigoted rhetoric. The implication I'm somehow a bigot for rejecting illconceived and unnecessary projects, proposed by people who will not have to live with the consequences of their poorly developed ideas, would be laughable if it weren't so toxic. I find it particularly amusing that a group of white, predominately male power brokers are trying to play the bigotry card on the one person who has the least amount of power in this setting. While this gutter level discourse is disappointing to me, I wish I could say I was surprised. This ugly episode underscores the prevailing trend in Oregon state and local politics. Namely, elected officials and bureaucrats resorting to name calling and ad hominem personal attacks, to deflect from their poor records of achievement. Speaking from personal experience, the incompetence of local governance is what drove my family from Portland to Scappoose. Rather than building consensus, explaining benefits and risks of proposals, my previous local government was easily cowed into submission by whatever narrow special interest group threatened to call them bigots, racists, homophobes, etc. This impotent style of governance has resulted in the city of Portland becoming a war zone and national joke. My problem isn't that I fear "others". If there is anyone who has been treated as an "other" during this entire process, it's me. I am the "other" who refuses to go along with rubber stamp, unaccountable, business-as-usual, crony local politics. I am the "other" that expects the people in your positions to take their jobs seriously to address questions and concerns with facts and evidence not vague generalities. However, the greatest evidence of how much of an "other" I am, is the speed with which the bigot card was pulled out to try and silence me. If I'm not an "other", then why couldn't a more civilized and detailed rebuttal to my specific concerns be offered? Why the need to debase this forum by implying evil things about me that aren't true? Let's talk about what is true, then. I do have fears. But rather than being afraid of some vague, cartoonish "others", invented by the City Attorney as a deflection, my actual fears are quite specific. I fear local politicians unable to explain themselves in an intelligent and comprehensive manner and resort to character assassination. I fear people in power who stifle debate and scrutiny of their decisions, by deflecting to non-existent strawmen. I fear people who destroyed their own communities, flee to this community and destroy ours. And finally, I fear those who sell out their communities for a tiny handful of connected individuals to make a profit. These are real fears, that cannot be dismissed by attempting to cancel or silence me. Mister City Attorney, a civilized gentleman would apologize to me for attacking my character so shamelessly and baselessly. Sadly, I had to waste my 3 minutes addressing this

nonsense, next session, I'll be focused on the issues that matter, specifically the extension of the road. She stated thank you for your time.

Mayor Burge stated thank you.

New Business

City Manager Candidate Profile/Hiring Process

Erik Jensen, Jensen Strategies, LLC, explained what Council has in front of them and what they are requesting is an approval of two documents related to the city manager recruitment. He explained, the first is the city manager profile, describing the attributes that the City is looking for in the next city manager and that document is intended to be a foundation for them to be able to identify the potential candidates that would be a fit for the City. He explained it is also the foundation for them to be able to evaluate applications and move forward in the interview process. He explained, the hiring procedures describe the procedures that they will be going through from this point on and as well as the schedule at the very end of that. He explained at the last Council meeting there was the opportunity to go over this material and they have made some changes that the Council requested. They are hoping the updated version meets Council's approval. He explained once Council does approve it, they will proceed on with developing the advertisement and brochure and they will be prepared to launch the position on June 1st.

Council President Greisen asked Erik Jensen to go over what was mentioned at the prior meeting that were changed in the document that is before them.

Erik Jensen explained the main change came about under appreciation for the community. He explained they added the line that the candidate should have a desire and a willingness to live in or in close proximity to the City. He explained other changes to the document were not substantive, just corrections on a couple of typos.

Council President Greisen asked what the civil litigation that was a new bullet item added to the background check?

Erik Jensen replied that is correct, under the hiring procedures they did put in what they had originally omitted inadvertently.

Council President Greisen stated just a couple of clarifying things, as she is just trying to understand the process and make sure we have the wording that we're really capturing what we want here. She stated her eye is really going toward the required minimum education experience because that's really the baseline for how people are making it into that pool of people, correct?

Erik Jensen replied yes.

Council President Greisen stated she read where it states this position requires a bachelor's degree in the following areas. She asked is it useful to say a bachelor's and or advanced degree or do you feel an advanced degree is too much to ask of candidates as a minimum requirement?

Erik Jensen replied first of all just to say, they will put whatever minimum qualifications that the Council would like to see, but their understanding was that Council preferred having a master's degree as opposed to making it a minimum requirement. He explained their process for moving candidates ahead into the interview process.

Council President Greisen talked about the section that talks about providing recommendation to up to four finalists. She asked Erik Jensen if they will still give Council the whole lot of all of the applicants with their reasons as to why or why not they were the top candidates and as Council they could say they like to do seven and not the four they recommended. She stated so there could be more that Council chooses to interview.

Erik Jensen replied yes, that would be up to Council as to how you would like to proceed with the finalists. He explained, what they will bring to Council is the backgrounds and the applications of all the people that they interviewed and so Council will have the transparency of seeing everybody that they have interviewed and be able to hear their rationale, in terms of why they are recommending the four that they do.

Councilor Haugen thanked Erik Jensen for his good work and stated he thinks he has provided them with an excellent framework to go forward with.

Erik Jensen replied, thank you Councilor.

Council President Greisen stated she wanted to make sure that they are all settled on the number of years being ten years of increasingly responsible public sector experience.

Councilor Haugen moved, that Council accept the city manager recruitment process as presented.

Councilor Lesowske asked before a second is proposed could we take a step back and get some consensus to Council President Greisen's question regarding the years of experience. He wants to ensure that Council is all in agreeance.

Mayor Burge stated there is no second so the motion dies.

Councilor Miller stated he will feel more comfortable with that saying seven years.

Mayor Burge explained this is a required minimum. He doesn't want people to see the preferred education and think that they wouldn't be included if they only had 8 years. He almost thinks that the preferred is there to dissuade people who are on the fence. He stated if the minimum is the minimum why do we have a preferred. He stated shouldn't it just be one or the other.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained maybe a fix would be that you have the minimum qualifications and then if someone had these additional things, they would get a bonus, but maybe you could change it to range seven to ten.

Mayor Burge replied maybe it should read the high degree and/or seven years.

Council President Greisen explained she is very much in favor with just the simple change and if they want to change the number that is fine. She stated as Mayor Burge mentioned, we don't want to deter candidates from thinking they won't even be considered.

Councilor Miller feels Council needs to ask themselves when they read this does it add any value to this profile. He stated sometimes less is more.

Councilor Lesowske stated he thinks for a leadership position, this is industry standard to show a minimum and a preferred. He feels more comfortable with the preferred in there because we do want to see that there are master level candidates that are being recognized for their education and in addition to that by adding and/or at least how many years Council decides on that helps solidify that those candidates at the preferred level put in a lot of time, sweat, tears, all those great things for Council to be able to review. He would prefer to keep that in, but that is just his one voice.

Mayor Burge stated he is comfortable keeping in the and/or and dropping it to seven years.

Councilor Haugen asked for a show of hands if everyone is fine with and/or seven. He stated so it looks like we can move forward with that.

Mayor Burge stated we will just make the change to preferred education and/or at least seven years of increasingly responsible public sector experience.

Councilor Haugen moved, and Councilor Lesowske seconded the motion that Council approve the amended city manager profile as amended. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

Resolution No. 21-05 Water SDC Rates

Public Works Director Dave Sukau went over the staff report. He explained City staff contracted with Donovan Enterprises, Inc. to update the City's Water System Development Charge (SDC) to reflect the latest capital improvement plan in the recently adopted Water System Master Plan Update (WSMPU). For context, the City's current Water SDC schedule was last updated in May 2002. The City's consultant, Steve Donovan (Donovan Enterprises, Inc.), presented the recommended SDC rate increases to City Council during the April 19th work session. Donovan and staff have prepared Resolution 21-05 for Council's consideration. He explained Currently, the water SDC rate for a ¾" water meter equivalent (the most common water service in the City) is \$5,478. The Water SDC Update report proposes that rate be increased to \$8,940. The table at the beginning of Exhibit A shows the proposed schedule of System Development Charges. Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution 21-05, as presented.

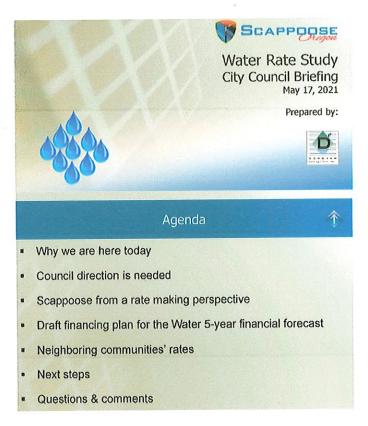
Mayor Burge opened the public hearing and closed it due to no one wanting to speak on this matter.

Steve Donovan, Donovan Enterprises Inc., explained he is here to answer any questions or follow up from the April 19 meeting. He asked Council to please consider passing this resolution. He explained this is a key funding component of our water strategy which he is going to present to Council in the next agenda item.

Councilor Haugen move, and Councilor McHugh seconded a motion that Council adopt Resolution 21-05: A Resolution Amending the City of Scappoose's Water System Development Charge, as presented. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

Work Session - Water Rates

Steve Donovan, Donovan Enterprises Inc., and Public Works Director Dave Sukau went over the presentation.



Why We are Here Today



- The 2020 Water Master Plan identifies ~\$55 million in needed capital improvements over the next 20 years. Rates and SDCs will be the funding source for these improvements.
- The water rates and SDCs are the only ongoing funding sources for the water system.
- We have formulated a financing and rate strategy to fund the near-term capital improvements, critical operations, and maintenance costs over the next 5 years.

What We Want From You



- No legislative action on water rates is needed now, but Council's direction is needed.
- A key element of our funding strategy is "levelized" annual water rate increases. In order to make the financing plan work, we are recommending small annual rate increases, each year of the five-year forecast. Start date for this strategy: July 1, 2021.
- We want feedback from Council on draft financing and water rates strategy.

Who is Scappoose from a Ratemaking Perspective?

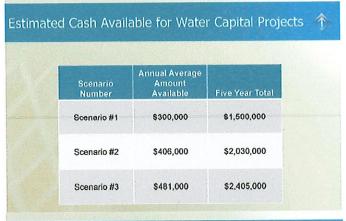


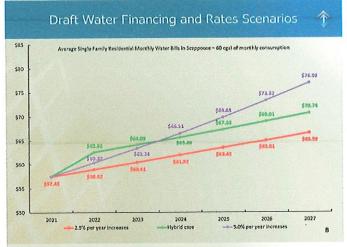
- Meters in service:
 - √ 95% of all meters serve residential customers (single and multifamily).
 - The 5% of remaining meters serve low-impact commercial customers.
- Water sales in FY 2019-20:
 - ✓ Residential 80%
 - ✓ Commercial 20%

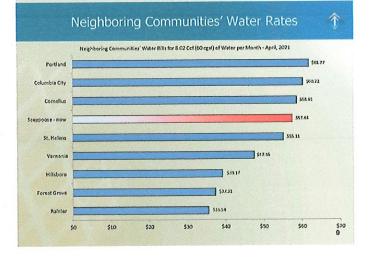
Draft Water Financing and Rates Scenarios

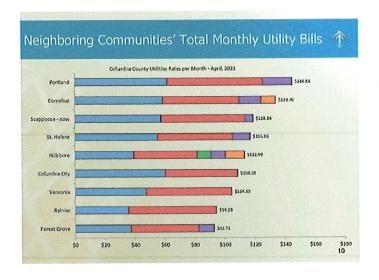


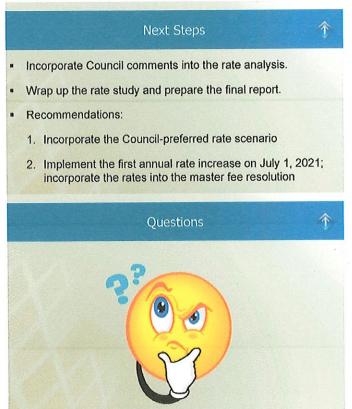
- Scenario #1 2.5% per year water rate increases.
- Scenario #2 "Hybrid"; 2.5% per year increases to the monthly water base charge; On July 1, 2021, increase the water commodity charge to \$0.45 per cgal (from the current rate of \$0.38 per cgal; then grow the commodity charge by 2.5% per year over the remaining life of the 5-year plan.
- Scenario #3 5.0% per year; the pay-as-you-go funding case contained in the 2020 Water Master Plan Update











Mayor Burge stated he doesn't like raising rates, but he understands the need because it is a separate operating entity, it is the water department, and we are trying to hold rates down. He asked has any of the Federal Cares Act money that the City is going to be allocated for capital improvements been considered to help tap down the rate increases a little bit over the next several years or not, because we don't know what those numbers are?

Interim City Manager Rains replied we have not included that because while it does look like we

are going to get some of those funds, we don't have them yet and since we don't have them to count on right this moment it didn't seem prudent to factor them in at this time.

Steve Donovan replied, and he doesn't think we are going to get \$55 million dollars for water projects.

Mayor Burge stated he would say to go with the 2.5.

Councilor Haugen asked Steve Donovan if you bump it from .38 per hundred gallons to .45 would you anticipate that's going to stimulate more conservation?

Steve Donovan replied he thinks it would, but we would have to get a message out there to make sure people understand that the price is going up and they can avoid the cost by using less water.

Councilor Haugen stated that would be his argument for bumping it up to .45 because it will . encourage conservation.

Councilor Miller asked if there were any other hybrid scenarios that they contemplated?

Steve Donovan replied no because they kind of set the meets and the bounds, the bottom was the two and a half percent, and the top was the five percent.

Councilor Haugen stated the hybrid approach to him that makes a lot of sense is keeping the .38 per hundred gallons for the first five thousand and then bumping it up to .45.

Public Works Director Dave Sukau talked about aging infrastructure and thinking about the future. He stated that is why we're having this discussion.

Mayor Burge feels they should take a close look at the steps. He talked about currently doing a CPI for water, sewer and storm and we will continue to do that CPI adjustment during this increase.

Steve Donovan replied right.

Mayor Burge asked are these numbers just showing 2.5 on the chart or just showing 2.5 plus what it is estimated?

Steve Donovan replied just 2.5.

Mayor Burge stated he is not sure if the CPI is capped.

Interim City Manager Rains replied she doesn't believe it is capped but this coming year it is only 1.6.

Mayor Burge explained he is not arguing against looking at the rate increase, he would just like to see some way to see what the CPI would be.

Interim City Manager Rains stated a resolution could be written to basically reflect that it would be a minimum of 2.5 or more if the CPI was higher or something like that. She explained we can write it with some level of flexibility.

Steve Donovan replied it could be written where it would be the lesser of the minimum requirement or what the actual inflation comes in at.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained what he is hearing is it would be the 2.5 percent or inflation, whichever is greater.

Councilor Lesowske explained we don't want to negatively impact people who are currently struggling. He explained what he would like to do is see what those blocks would be and see if they could look at the cost per block and look to incentivize conservation, so they are not going to be putting the cost burden onto the rate payers who are currently conserving and then we are also gradually increasing that over time to reach the .45 plus potential growth in the revenue generation. He would like to see some additional scenarios.

Steve Donovan explained most of the revenue comes from the base rate, not the commodity. He explained they will come back with the information requested.

Council President Greisen explained she is fully in favor of the hybrid form but would like to see some deeper digging. She sees the urgency and knows this is very important, but she is concerned about not having clear communication with the public before they get that first bill and that is the only thing that doesn't settle with her. She would like to give the public a narrative about when these increases last occurred, this is where we've been, this is where we need to go, and this is what needs to occur. She would like to see a narrative of the harsh reality of what our infrastructure looks like and the need for these dollars. She thinks that is very important to communicate.

Steve Donovan explained they will get back to Council as soon as they can.

Council thanked Steve.

SMC, Chapter 3.20, Advance Finance Reimbursement - Council Interpretation Required

City Attorney Peter Watts went over the staff report. He explained an Advance Financed Reimbursement District was established via resolution relating to a project on SE 2nd St. and is set to expire in June 2021. The Advance Financed Reimbursement District related to the SE 2nd Street Improvement Project (Resolution No. 09-23) is set to expire in June 2021 per Resolution No. 11-08 At the time Res. 09-23 was adopted, Advance Finance Reimbursement Districts were set to expire after ten years with the option of renewing for another ten years, in five-year increments. The Scappoose Municipal Code has been amended since Res. 09-23's adoption. Currently, Scappoose Municipal Code 3.20.110 sets the reimbursement period for advance financed projects to twenty years. No mechanism to extend agreements executed prior to the current iteration of the code exists. Legal Counsel suggested that SMC 3.20 – as it is currently written – could be applied in a retroactive fashion, but that policy interpretation must ultimately

be determined by City Council. The options for Council to Consider: A. Interpret SMC 3.20 – currently written to expire after twenty years – to apply retroactively to advance finance agreements made within the last ten years. B. Draft a new section for SMC 3.20 to add code language for extending Advance Finance Reimbursement Districts established prior to the current version of the code. This option would result in the Advance Financed Improvement Project expiring, as code amendments are made via ordinance, which would require two meetings. C. Take no action; allow the Advance Financed Improvement Project to expire.

Councilor Haugen asked Legal Counsel Peter Watts if we go with the 20-year option does he anticipate a cost or consequence to doing that?

Legal Counsel Peter Watts replied the whole idea of this was fair share.

Mayor Burge stated he is in favor of extending it so they can just do the 20-years.

Councilor Lesowske moved, and Councilor Haugen seconded the motion that Council adopt Option A, applying SMC 3.20's twenty-year expiration retroactively. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

Heritage Park Fountain Discussion

Mayor Scott Burge explained he wanted to discuss this topic. He explained looking at the latest COVID data information, being outdoors is the place that we want people to be because there is 0.1 chance of contracting the virus if you are six feet apart. He wants to feel like we are getting back to normal by getting that fountain back on. He would like to get Council's feedback.

Public Works Director Sukau explained why it was originally turned off. He explained regulations haven't really deregulated to change that dynamic other than wearing masks outdoors, but they still encourage six feet separation, so for the City to turn the fountain on that could potentially encourage that zone to be less than what is recommended. Staff still felt it should stay status quo until something comes that says otherwise. He explained staff is just trying to look out for the City's best interest that is where they are at.

Legal Counsel Watts explained, like a lot of things, there are some competing interests. He explained, the fountain is an amazing amenity that brings people joy. He explained, the Governor's Order is still in effect as Mayor Burge points out there is very little risk of outdoor infection but what the Governor has charged all of us with is preventing people from congregating. He explained, the thought was to wait until the weather gets a little bit warmer and hopefully at that point the Governor will release new guidelines.

Mayor Burge talked about it being wrong to harm people's mental health over things that we know are no longer true, we now know that truth.

Councilor Lesowske feels the fountain is a feature and if the families or individuals choose to walk through it on a warm day, they are taking that risk on their own.

Mayor Burge replied to him, this is just another feature of the playground and the playgrounds are open.

Councilor Haugen stated, why don't we just plan on opening the fountain on June 1.

Council President Greisen explained she doesn't feel comfortable with June 1 for many reasons. She thinks for her, she is thinking of the standpoint of the City that we are encouraging people to gather in a place, but then again it is a parent's choice whether they want their kids to run through water without a mask and be around other kids. She finds it difficult to make certain decisions when she doesn't even send her kids to school right now only because of the mandates required by schools.

Councilor Miller explained the playground equipment is open and the parks, so for him he thinks they should set an opening date in June.

Councilor McHugh stated he doesn't have an opinion one way or another. He stated it does cost us money to run the fountain.

Public Works Director Sukau replied, the fountain uses about 14,000 gallons of water a month.

Councilor Haugen proposed having the fountain turned on June 21, unless the Governor provides other guidance.

Mayor Burge asked Legal Counsel Watts to look at the guidance on splash pads.

Legal Counsel Watts explained there are so many things that don't fit into a category or are not clearly defined. His hope would be that we get more clarity before the opening date.

Renaming of Heritage Park to Mayor Betty Huser Park

Mayor Burge explained he is making the recommendation of renaming Heritage Park for Mayor Betty Huser Park. She was the Mayor of Scappoose for ten years and the impact that she has had on the City makes him feel this is a good way to honor her.

Councilor McHugh stated, if Council is in agreeance with this, it would be nice to tie it into the 100-year celebration.

Councilor Haugen stated he is absolutely in favor of honoring Betty, especially with a park or a trail, but when you change name's, you create a rub. He stated, what might be good is if we have a resolution that the next park is going to be named after her.

Councilor McHugh replied what about the Betty Huser Heritage Park.

Councilor Haugen stated that would work.

Mayor Burge asked if everyone is in favor of Betty Huser Heritage Park.

Council President Greisen agrees with Councilor Haugen of naming a new park or trail after her. She explained there are other people in our community who are just as worthy to have a park named or renamed after them. She explained, they had talked about a park bench with a plaque on it in her honor, or a future amenity that is coming up, but she has a hard time renaming Heritage Park. She feels there are so many other factors that we should consider. She talked about compiling a list of people who have contributed to our community over the years.

Councilor McHugh likes the idea of compiling a list of people who have contributed to the community over the years.

Councilor McHugh moved, that the City form a three-person subcommittee that would develop a list of honored citizens that we would like to recognize in some matter in the future. Motion dies due no second motion.

Councilor Haugen stated that would be a good idea to have a booth at the 100-year Centennial to get the community recommendations.

Councilor Miller asked if we should establish an idea of how we are going to honor people.

Mayor Burge suggested bringing this topic back at a future work session.

Council President Greisen moved, and Councilor seconded the motion to extend the meeting five more minutes. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

Announcements ~ information only

Calendar

City Manager, Police Chief, Councilors, and Mayor

Interim City Manager Rains explained she has been working with Senator Johnson try to secure some of the American Rescue Plan money for the City. Senator Johnson has been really helpful, so she just wanted to thank her for that and cross our fingers that those applications are successful. She did receive a question from Rachael Berry with City of St. Helens if there were ever to be some kind of SWAT in the future looking at any kind of COVID relief money that came from the State and or County that could potentially be distributed to the cities in the area, would Council be interested in participating in that.

Mayor Burge replied sure.

Public Works Director Sukau explained the art piece is now installed. He mentioned the trail portion on Trtek Trailhead is going to get paved next week.

Legal Counsel Watts explained he has been going through the Council rules and he flagged some things for a later discussion, and he thinks it makes sense to go through the Team Agreement and get some clarity around that document.

Councilor Miller talked about a letter he received, which he is told he can't share with the Council. It is very heavy and weighing on him and he thinks it is unfair for him to be the only Councilmember to have this information. He stated it is something that is very important to him to review as soon as possible.

Councilor McHugh thanked Chief Miller and his comments on how they cooperate with the County agencies. He also thanked Dave and staff for all they do on the Trtek Trailhead, it looks great out there and he appreciates all their work.

Council President Greisen thanked the department heads for all they do and their leadership.

Councilor Haugen stated the art piece installation is awesome. He gave an update on the Michael Curry design work.

Councilor Lesowske stated tomorrow is election day. He stated the art piece looks very nice. He explained we have received a lot of feedback on the artwork on the skate park and it is really nice to see that come together. He talked about staff reviewing the community enhancement application. He also talked about having the applicants come back to Council to give updates on the dollars and how they were spent.

Mayor Burge explained the City of Portland's splash pads will open if health guidance allows.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Mayor Scott Burge

Minutes type by City Recorder Susan M. Reeves